



PATENT 1714 JFW  
Customer No. 22,852  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Gianluigi HOTELLIER et al. )  
Application No. 09/966,115 ) Group Art Unit: 1714  
Filed: October 1, 2001 ) Examiner: Cain, E.  
For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A )  
SILICA-REINFORCED RUBBER )  
COMPOUND )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 19, 2004, the period for reply having been extended for one month by a Petition for Extension of Time and fee filed with this Amendment, please amend this application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS** begin on page 11 of this paper.